Special central assistance for tribals

2426. SHRI NEPALDEV BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to give directly the special central assistance to the States so that it could be utilised for the tribal population within and outside the I.T.D.P.;

(b) if so details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUMATI ORAON): (a) and (b According to the existing procedure Special Central Assistance for Tribal Sub-Plan is already being sanctioned directly to the States for ITDPs, MADA pockets, Clusters, Primitive Tribes Projects and for Tribals residing outside the project areas.

(c) Does not arise.

Tourist cottages at Digha

2427. SHRI NEPALDEV BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to refer to reply to Unstarred Question 3389 given in Rajya Sabha on the 9th December, 1987 and state:

(a) whether the amount sanctioned for Tourist Cottages at Digha has since been fully released; and

(b) if so, when with details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) and (b) The Ministry of Tourism has sanctioned an amount of Rs. 40.17 lakhs for construction of Tourist Cottages at Digha. An amount of Rs. 20.00 lakhs has been released as the first instalment. The second instalment of funds will be released to the executing agency depending upon the progress of the work and after the first instalment of funds is fully utilised.

Tourist Accommodation at Gadiara

2428. SHRI NEPALDEV BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to refer to reply to Unstarred Question 3389 given in Rajya Sabha on the 9th December, 1987 and state:

(a) whether the amount sanctioned for the Tourist accommodation at Gadiara has since been fully released; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) and (b) The Ministry of Tourism has sanctioned Rs. 16.93 lakhs for construction of Tourist Accommodation at Gadiara. An amount of Rs. 5.00 lakhs has been released as the first instalment The second instalment of funds will be released to the executing agency depending upon the progress of work and after the first instalment is fully utilised.

Expansion of tourist accommodation at Shantiniketan

2429. SHRI NEPALDEV BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the amount sanctioned for expansion of tourist accommodation at Shantiniketan in West Bengal has since been fully released;

(b) if so, when and the details thereof; and

(c) if not, by when it is likely to be released?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Central Ministry of Tourism releases funds to the executing agencies in instalments depending upon the progress of works and utilisation of funds. The second instalment of funds for expansion of Tourist Accommodation

at Shantiniketan in West Bengal will be released after the executing agency has fully utilised the amount already released.

Conference of the State Ministers for Tribal Development

2430. SHRI RAMNARAYAN GOSWAMI: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the views expressed by different State Ministers during the conference of the State Ministers for Tribal Development on the 7th January, 1988 at New Delhi with details thereof;

(b) what is the reaction of the Union Government thereto; and

(c) what steps would be taken on the views expressed by diffrent States?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUMATI ORAON): (a) and (b) The Conference of State Ministers on Tribal Development was held on 6th January, 1988. The State Ministers generally agreed with the Central Government on the need for improving the planning process for tribal development, strengthening the implementing machinery in tribal areas adequate rehabilitation of displaced tribals, implementation of protective measures and elimination of exploitation in marketing of tribal produce. In this regard, they welcomed the setting up of the Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India Ltd. They also welcomed and proposed formulation of a National Policy on Rehabilitation of Displaced Tribals.

(c) Follow-up section will be taken with State Governments on making Integrated Tribal Development Project (ITDP) as a unit of planning in tribal areas. Follow-up action will also be taken for strengthening the administrative machinery in these areas with the assistance of State Governments and on devolution of more powers, financial as well as administrative to them. Reviews will be made of the steps taken by the State Governments in implementation of protective measures during Annual Tribal Sub-Plan discussions.

Proposal for construction of Houses for SC/ST

2431. SHRI NARAYAN KAR: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any State Government has recently sent any proposal to the Central Government for allocation of funds for the construction of houses for the Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Action for misappropriation of Jute employees provident fund

2432. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether any action was taken against those jute barons who misappropriated employees' share of provident fund contribution;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons for the delay in taking action?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The details of action taken reported by the E..P.F. authorities is as given in the attached statement.